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saints in the unity of the Spirit, that in the consciousness of Thine acceptance they may experience the power of Thy support, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

L. N. H.

RED CROSS NURSING AND CENTRAL DIRECTORIES

DEAR EDITOR: In your editorial in the March number on the subject of Red Cross Nursing and Central Directories, the statement is made that "Developments seem to show that Red Cross nursing service and central registries governed by nurses for nurses are inseparable."

The fact that so few central registries are in existence in the United States would seem to indicate that nurses themselves are not all of the same opinion as to the desirability of having them established. Therefore, it seems to me to be ill-advised "during this difficult period of organization" to handicap the work of building up an effective nursing service for the Red Cross by making it in any way dependent on the promotion of the central registry idea.

BEATRICE STEVENSON.

INFORMATION NEEDED

DEAR EDITOR: I am wanting information regarding a course of instruction in orthopædic nursing for graduate nurses. I should prefer a western hospital.

I thoroughly enjoy my AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, it is of assistance in many instances. Dr. Potter has my sincere thanks for her article in the March number.

A. C. B.

[Replies may be addressed to A. C. B. care the editorial office of the JOURNAL.]

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF JOURNAL ARTICLES

DEAR EDITOR: The article on lunches some months ago was very pleasing to me, as since my marriage I have had to put up lunches for my husband. He sits all day and is under great mental strain, and it was a problem with which I felt unequal to cope, to make his luncheons dainty, nourishing, and easily digested, and still have variety.

Now comes this month's magazine with the article on "The Hygiene of Menstruation." People have accused me of wilfully abusing my health at that time because I would bathe and change clothing. It is astonishing how deep-seated that belief is, even among well-educated people; also that too much bathing is not good for the parturient woman.

Miss McIsaac's articles on "Household Hygiene" helped me convince my husband that we didn't want a great mass of decorated furniture and bric-a-brac and lace curtains to accumulate and hold dust, and that polished floors with rugs were cleaner than carpets.

Wishing you much success this coming year in every way.

J. M. H.

FORCED FEEDING OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

DEAR EDITOR: I am a subscriber to the JOURNAL, and am interested in the article of the March number on the feeding of political prisoners in England. I am an English nurse and would like to say I am not in sympathy with the prisoners when it becomes a matter of life or death.